

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An image sensing apparatus, comprising:

an image sensor that outputs an image signal of a subject;

an image display device that displays an image based on said image signal obtained by said image sensor, said image display device being arranged on said image sensing apparatus;

a display designating unit that determines whether or-not said image display device is in an image display ON state, or said image display device is in an image display OFF state;

a focus evaluating value obtaining device that obtains a focus evaluating value for adjusting a focus based on said image signal obtained by said image sensor, said image signal being read from said image sensor in reading manners which are changed according to the determination of said display designation unit; and

a control unit that adjusts the focus according to the focus evaluation value obtained from said focus evaluating value obtaining device based on said image signal read from said image sensor in reading manners which are changed according to the determination of said display designation unit as to whether or not said image display device is in an image display ON state.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said reading manners include to read said image signal from a portion of said image sensor, and the portion includes a focusing signed detecting area.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said reading manners includes to read said image signal from a display region of said image sensor when said display designating unit determines that said image signal is displayed by said image display device while said image sensing apparatus photographs said image signal.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said focus evaluating value is obtained based on a high frequency component of said image signal obtained by said image sensor.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a display prohibiting device that prohibits display of said image by said image display device at least until photographing processing is completed if said display designating unit determines that said image is displayed by said image display device while said image sensing apparatus photographs said sensed image signal.

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (previously presented): The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein determination by said display designating unit is stored in a memory as an image display flag.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A control method of an image sensing apparatus, comprising:

an image sensing step by an image sensor that outputs an image signal of a subject;

an image displaying step by an image display device that displays an image based on said image signal obtained by said image sensor, said image display device being arranged on said image sensing apparatus;

a display designating step by a display designating unit that determines whether or not said image display device is in an image display ON state, or said image display device is in an image display OFF state;

a focus evaluating value obtaining step by a focus evaluating value obtaining device that obtains a focus evaluating value for adjusting a focus based on said image signal obtained by said image sensing step, said image signal being read from said image sensor in reading manners which are changed according to the determination in said display designating step; and

a control step by a control unit that adjusts the focus according to the focus evaluating value obtained by said focus evaluating value obtaining step based on said image signal read from said image sensor in reading manners which are changed according to the determination of said display designating unit as to whether or not said image display device is in an image display ON state.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The control method of an image sensing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said reading manners include to read said image signal from a portion of said image sensor, and the portion includes a focusing signed detecting area.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The control method of an image sensing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said reading manners includes to read said image signal from a display region of said image sensor when said display designating unit determines that said image signal is displayed by said image display device while said image sensing apparatus photographs said image signal.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The control method of an image sensing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said focus evaluating value is obtained based on a high frequency component of said image signal obtained by said image sensing step.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The control method of an image sensing apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

a display prohibiting step that prohibits display of said image by said image displaying step at least until photographing processing is completed if said display designating step determines that said image is displayed by said image displaying step while said image sensing apparatus photographs said sensed image signal.

Claim 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (previously presented): The control method of an image sensing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein determination by said display designating step is stored in a memory as an image display flag.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A storage medium in which a control program for controlling an image sensing apparatus is stored, wherein said control program comprising codes that, when executed, causes a computer to carry out the steps of:

a code of an image sensing step by an image sensor that obtains an image signal by sensing an image of a subject;

a code of an image displaying step by an image display device that displays an image signal based on said image signal obtained by said image sensor, said image display device being arranged on said image sensing apparatus;

a code of a display designating step by a display designating unit that determines whether or not said image display device is in an image display ON state, or said image display device is in an image display OFF state;

a code of a focus evaluating value obtaining step by a focus evaluating value obtaining device that obtains a focus evaluating value for adjusting a focus based on said image signal obtained by said image sensing step, said image signal being read from said image sensor in reading manners which are changed according to the determination in said display designating step; and

a code of a control step by a control unit that adjusts the focus according to the focus evaluating value obtained by said focus evaluating value obtaining step based on said image signal read from said image sensor in reading manners which are changed according to the determination of said display designating unit as to whether or not said image display device is in an image display ON state.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The storage medium according to claim 15, wherein said reading manners include to read said image signal from an entire region of said image sensor when said display designating unit determines that said image signal is displayed by said image display device while said image sensing apparatus photographs said image signal.

Claim 17 (currently amended): An image sensing apparatus, comprising:

an image sensor;

a display configured to display image based on said image signal obtained by said image sensor;

a designation unit configured to determine whether ~~or not~~ said display is in an image display ON state, or said display is in an image display OFF state; and

a calculation unit configured to calculate a focus evaluating value for focus adjustment based on said image signal;

wherein said calculation unit calculates the focus evaluating value ~~based on~~ using a portion of the image signal when said display is in an image display OFF state that does not display the image on the display.